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Amendments To The Claims:

This following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. No new matter has been added

Listing of Claims:

- 1-9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) A sensor-container combination comprising:
a container including a container body and a lid; and
a plurality of sensors stored in the container,
wherein the container body includes a bottom part, and the bottom part only is one of transparent and semi-transparent,
the sensors include an oxidation-reduction enzyme, a mediator that mediates transfer of electrons caused by oxidation or reduction, and a detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction, and
the mediator is a lightfast transitional metal complex, the lightfast transitional metal complex is a ~~ruthenium complex~~ [Ru(NH₃)₆].
11. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the container has a scale for determining the number of the sensors in the container.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the sensors have lightfastness.
- 14-15. (Cancelled)
16. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction is

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electrodes that detect current produced by oxidation or reduction of the mediator, and the sensors are electrode sensors.

17. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction is a substrate of the oxidation-reduction enzyme that colors through oxidation or reduction, and the sensors are colorimetric sensors.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the container body has a circular opening,
the lid has a circular projection, and the circular projection of the lid is capable of fitting into the circular opening of the container body.

20. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the container body and the lid are connected to each other with a hinge.

21. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein a color of the bottom part is selected from the group consisting of black, gray, brown, blue, green, red, yellow, and white.

22. (Currently Amended) A sensor-container combination comprising:
a container that includes a container body and a lid and that is one of at least partly transparent and semi-transparent; and
a plurality of sensors stored in the container,
wherein the sensors include an oxidation-reduction enzyme, a lightfast transition metal complex that mediates the transfer of electrons caused by oxidation or reduction, and a detection means that detects the oxidation-reduction reaction, and
the lightfast transition metal complex is a ruthenium complex $[\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6]$.

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23-28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the container has a scale for determining the number of the sensors in the container.

30. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the sensors have lightfastness.

31. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction is electrodes that detect current produced by oxidation or reduction of the mediator, and the sensors are electrode sensors.

32. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, where the detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction is a substrate of the oxidation-reduction enzyme that colors through oxidation or reduction, and the sensors are colorimetric sensors.

33. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the container body has a circular opening, the lid has a circular projection, and the circular projection of the lid is capable of fitting into the circular opening of the container body.

34. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the container body and the lid are connected to each other with a hinge.

35. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein a color of the bottom part is selected from the group consisting of black, gray, brown, blue, green, red, yellow, and white.